

The 'Five - Three - Fifteen' Paths

[They refer to the **fifteen** paths that consist of the **five** paths of each of the **three** types of practitioners (5 x 3 = 15)]

	LEARNER PATHS				PATHS OF NO-MORE-LEARNING
	ORDINARY PATHS		ARYA PATHS		
	Paths of Accumulation	Paths of Preparation	Paths of Seeing	Paths of Meditation	Paths of No-More-Learning
Bodhisattvas (Mahayana practitioners)	Entryway to this path: Bodhicitta. Main practice: inferential realization of emptiness, cultivation of calm abiding, and the accumulation of merit	Entryway to this path: union of calm abiding and special insight that realizes emptiness conceptually. Main practice: deepening of that conceptual realization of emptiness; also, the accumulation of merit	Entryway to this path: meditative equipoise that for the first time directly realizes emptiness. Main practice: cessation of intellectually acquired afflictive obstructions by that meditative equipoise; also, the accumulation of merit.	Entryway to this path: meditative equipoise that directly realizes emptiness and that starts to eliminate the innate afflictive obstructions. Main practice: gradual cessation of innate afflictive obstructions & gradual cessation of cognitive obstructions; also, the accumulation of merit.	Entryway to this path: cessation of afflictive and cognitive obstructions and the attainment of the omniscient mind of a Buddha (the exalted knower of aspects)
Solitary Realizers (Hinayana practitioners)	Entryway to this path: Renunciation Main practice: inferential realization of emptiness, cultivation of calm abiding, and the accumulation of merit	Entryway to this path: union of calm abiding and special insight that realizes emptiness conceptually. Main practice: deepening of conceptual realization of emptiness; also the accumulation of merit	Entryway to this path: meditative equipoise that for the first time directly realizes emptiness. Main practice: cessation of intellectually acquired afflictive obstructions by that meditative equipoise; also the accumulation of merit	Entryway to this path: meditative equipoise that directly realizes emptiness and that starts to eliminate the innate afflictive obstructions. Main practice: gradual cessation of the innate afflictive obstructions by the meditative equipoise; also the accumulation of merit.	Entryway to this path: cessation of afflictive obstructions, i.e. the attainment of the Solitary Realizer self-liberation
Hearers (Hinayana practitioners)	Entryway to this path: Renunciation Main practice: inferential realization of emptiness, cultivation of calm abiding, and the accumulation of merit	Entryway to this path: union of calm abiding and special insight that realizes emptiness conceptually. Main practice: deepening of conceptual realization of emptiness; also the accumulation of merit	Entryway to this path: meditative equipoise that for the first time directly realizes emptiness. Main practice: cessation of intellectually acquired afflictive obstructions by that meditative equipoise; also the accumulation of merit	Entryway to this path: meditative equipoise that directly realizes emptiness and that starts to eliminate the innate afflictive obstructions. Main practice: gradual cessation of innate afflictive obstructions by the meditative equipoise; also the accumulation of merit.	Entryway to this path: cessation of afflictive obstructions, i.e. the attainment of the Hearer self-liberation

The Three Jewels from the point of view of the Mahayana tenets – i.e. the Chittamatra and Madhyamika tenets

	LEARNER PATHS				PATHS OF NO-MORE-LEARNING
	ORDINARY PATHS		ARYA PATHS		Paths of No-More-Learning
	Paths of Accumulation	Paths of Preparation	Paths of Seeing	Paths of Meditation	
Bodhisattvas (Mahayana practitioners)			Cessations and paths in the continua of Bodhisattvas on the Mahayana paths of seeing are Dharma Jewels/Dharma . Arya Bodhisattvas on the Mahayana paths of seeing are Sangha Jewels/Sangha .	Cessations and paths in the continua of Bodhisattvas on the Mahayana paths of meditation are Dharma Jewels/Dharma . Arya Bodhisattvas on the Mahayana paths of meditation are Sangha Jewels/Sangha .	Cessations and paths in the continua of Buddhas on the Mahayana paths of no-more-learning are Dharma Jewels/Dharma as well as Buddha Jewels/Buddha . Arya Buddhas themselves are Buddha Jewels/Buddhas as well as Sangha Jewels/Sangha .
Solitary Realizers (Hinayana practitioners)			Cessations and paths in the continua of Solitary Realizers on the Hinayana paths of seeing are Dharma Jewels/Dharma . Arya Solitary Realizers on the Hinayana paths of seeing are Sangha Jewels/Sangha .	Cessations and paths in the continua of Solitary Realizers on the Hinayana paths of meditation are Dharma Jewels/Dharma . Arya Solitary Realizers on the Hinayana paths of meditation are Sangha Jewels/Sangha .	Cessations and paths in the continua of Solitary Realizers on the Hinayana paths of no-more-learning are Dharma Jewels/Dharma . Solitary Realizer Arhats on the Hinayana paths of no-more-learning are Sangha Jewels/Sangha .
Hearers (Hinayana practitioners)			Cessations and paths in the continua of Hearers on the Hinayana paths of seeing are Dharma Jewels/Dharma . Arya Hearers on the Hinayana paths of seeing are Sangha Jewels/Sangha .	Cessations and paths in the continua of Hearers on the Hinayana paths of meditation are Dharma Jewels/Dharma . Arya Hearers on the Hinayana paths of meditation are Sangha Jewels/Sangha .	Cessations and paths in the continua of Hearers on the Hinayana paths of no-more-learning are Dharma Jewels/Dharma . Hearer Arhats on the Hinayana paths of no-more-learning are Sangha Jewels/Sangha .

It is important to understand that there is a difference between Hinayana *tenet holders* and Hinayana *practitioners*. Hinayana tenet holders are proponents of either the Vaibashika or Sautantrika tenets whereas Hinayana practitioners are Buddhist practitioners whose main aim is self-liberation. Likewise, there is a difference between Mahayana *tenet holders* and Mahayana *practitioners*. Mahayana tenet holders are proponents of either the Chittamatra or Madhyamika tenets whereas Mahayana practitioners are Buddhist practitioners whose main aim is Buddhahood. Therefore, it is possible for a Hinayana tenet holder to be a Mahayana practitioner and a Mahayana tenet holder to be a Hinayana practitioner. In this way, there is also a difference between the Hinayana tenet and the Hinayana vehicle, for the Hinayana tenet refers to the Vaibashika and the Sautantrika philosophy whereas the Hinayana vehicle refers to the methods for attaining self-liberation. Likewise, there is a difference between the Mahayana tenet and the Mahayana vehicle, for the Mahayana tenet refers to the Chittamatra and the Madhyamika philosophy whereas the Mahayana vehicle refers to the methods for attaining Buddhahood.

The Three Jewels from the point of view of the Hearer/Hinayana tenets – i.e. the Vaibashika and Sautantrika tenets

	LEARNER PATHS				PATHS OF NO-MORE-LEARNING
	ORDINARY PATHS		ARYA PATHS		
	↓ Paths of Accumulation	↓ Paths of Preparation	↓ Paths of Seeing	↓ Paths of Meditation	↓ Paths of No-More-Learning
Bodhisattvas			Cessations attained on the Bodhisattva paths of seeing are Dharma Jewels . Bodhisattva paths of seeing that directly realize selflessness are Sangha Jewels . Arya Bodhisattvas on the path of seeing are Sangha .	Cessations attained on the Bodhisattva paths of meditation are Dharma Jewels . Bodhisattva paths of meditation that directly realize selflessness are Sangha Jewels . Arya Bodhisattvas on the path of meditation are Sangha .	Buddha Shakyamuni's cessation is a Dharma Jewel . Buddha Shakyamuni's exalted wisdom that knows extinctions and non-production (i.e. path of no-more-learning) is a Buddha Jewel . Buddha Shakyamuni is a Buddha .
Solitary Realizers			Cessations attained on the Solitary Realizer paths of seeing are Dharma Jewels . Solitary Realizer paths of seeing that directly realize selflessness are Sangha Jewels . Arya Solitary Realizers on the path of seeing are Sangha .	Cessations attained on the Solitary Realizer paths of meditation are Dharma Jewels . Solitary Realizer paths of meditation that directly realize selflessness are Sangha Jewels . Arya Solitary Realizers on the path of meditation are Sangha .	Cessations attained on the Solitary Realizer paths of no-more-learning are Dharma Jewels . Solitary Realizer paths of no-more-learning that directly realize selflessness are Sangha Jewels . Arhats on the Solitary Realizer path of no-more-learning are Sangha .
Hearers			Cessations attained on the Hearer paths of seeing are Dharma Jewels . Hearer paths of seeing that directly realize selflessness are Sangha Jewels . Arya Hearers on the path of seeing are Sangha .	Cessations attained on the Hearer paths of meditation are Dharma Jewels . Hearer paths of meditation that directly realize selflessness are Sangha Jewels . Arya Hearers on the path of meditation are Sangha .	Cessations attained on the Hearer paths of no-more-learning are Dharma Jewels . Hearer paths of no-more-learning that directly realize selflessness are Sangha Jewels . Arhats on the Hearer path of no-more-learning are Sangha .

